

**SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION FOR SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITIONS
FAR Part 13.106-1**

1. Identification of the agency and the contracting activity:

In accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 13.106-1 in accordance with 41 U.S.C. 1901 or the authority of 41 U.S.C. 1903, the Office of Acquisition Management proposes to award a purchase order the basis of other than full and open competition for brand name only **Anker carpet tiles** on behalf of the **Facilities Management Office, Frankfurt, Germany**. The total estimated cost is **\$70,000**.

2. The nature and/or description of the action being approved.

Award of a new firm-fixed price purchase order.

3. A description of the supplies or services required to meet the Department's needs.

This requirement is to provide 8,000 Aera E System carpet tiles covering 2,000 square meters of space at the American Consulate General Frankfurt, Germany, at a total cost of \$70,000. These supplies require the following specifications in order to meet the standards of existing carpet tiles:

Manufacturer: Anker Teppichboden
Color: 000410-304
Dimension: 50 cm x 50 cm
Surface: Loop pile
Basic Fabric: 100% Recycled PET
Material: 100% Recycled Polyamide
Manufacturing Process: Tufted
Coloration: Tonal effect – solution dyed
Backing: Bitumen backing
Number of tufts: 189000 /m²
Wear classification: Commercial – heavy (33)
Pile weight: Approx. 700 g/m²
Pile height: Approx. 2.9 mm
Pile density: Approx. 0.14 g/cm³
Burning Classification: Bfl-s1 – glued or unglued

4. An identification of the statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition:

41 U.S.C. 1901 and FAR 13.106-1(b)(1) brand name only.

5. A demonstration that the proposed contractor's unique qualifications or the nature of the action require use of the authority cited.

A total of 5,000 square meters of the required carpet tiles have already been procured and installed within the Consulate in Frankfurt. The same carpet tiles are required in order to maintain flooring standards throughout the entire floor and to ensure the color, and other salient characteristics exactly match the existing carpet tiles. Anker Teppichboden is the only manufacturer of carpet tiles with the required specifications.

6. **A description of the efforts made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as is practicable, include whether a notice was or will be publicized as required by Subpart 5.2 and, if not, which exception under 5.202 applies.**

A FedBizOpps notice will be publicized as required by FAR 5.2, in addition to the requirement being publicized on the RPSO-FR webpage of the U.S. Embassy Berlin website and known suppliers of the carpet tiles being notified directly.

7. **A determination by the contracting officer that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable. Note: dollar amounts may not exceed statutory limitations for the commercial items test program identified in FAR 13.500.**

The Contracting Office determines that the anticipated cost will be fair and reasonable based on a comparison with previous orders awarded within the current fiscal year or the same item. By signing the justification the Contracting Officer makes a determination that the price to the Government is expected to be fair and reasonable.

8. **A description of the market research conducted (per FAR Part 10) and the results or a statement of the reason market research was not conducted.**

Market research has been carried out by the requesting office and identified that there are no other carpet tiles that are an exact match on all specifications, especially in color, compared to the carpet tiles that have been installed already.

9. **Any other facts supporting the use of other than full and open competition such as:**

None.

10. **A listing of the sources, if any, that expressed, in writing, an interest in the acquisition.**

None

11. **A statement of any actions the agency will take to remove or overcome any future barriers to competition before any subsequent acquisition for the supplies or services required.**

Not applicable.

CERTIFICATIONS

TECHNICAL AND REQUIREMENTS CERTIFICATION AQM QA Plan

I certify that this justification is accurate and contains complete data necessary to support the recommendation for other than full and open competition.

SIGNATURE:

Original signed
Edwin Wirz
Deputy Facility Manager
OBO/MGT/FAC

08/12/2016
Date

CONTRACTING OFFICER CERTIFICATION AQM QA Plan

I certify that this submission is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that it contains complete information necessary to enable other officials to make an informed recommendation for approval or disapproval.

SIGNATURE:

Original signed
Peter Covington
Contracting Officer
Office of Acquisition Management
(A/LM/AQM – RPSO-FR)

08/12/2016
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APPROVALS

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